

SECRETFRENCH VEGETABLE SHIPMENTS FOR THE GERMAN ARMY, APRIL 1943

Supply Plan No 4751, for the period 1-15 April 1943: The expected quota of vegetable shipments is not being met because insufficient freight cars are being made available, despite the fact that Priority No 1 has been assigned. The French Traffic Ministry has been instructed to effect these shipments on a "super-priority" basis. The following railroad stations were to be notified immediately: Rennes, Rouen, Paris, Lille, Poitiers, Angers, Orleans, St. Quentin, Dijon, St. Pol de Leon, Barfleur (Manche), and St. Omer (Pas de Calais).

The shipments of wheat under Plans No 1790 and 1792 in April have been dropped.

The addition of 1,000 tons of cauliflower to be shipped from St. Omer was to go as Part of Plan No 4751. These shipments were urgently needed for the food supply of the German Army, which was suffering a very serious shortage of vegetables.

On 14 April, the shippers at St. Omer reported that because of the inavailability of freight cars, shipments were already 20 cars behind.

Planned Vegetable Shipments to the German Army During the Period 1-15 Apr

<u>Production Area</u>	<u>Tonnage (in tons)</u>	<u>Loading Point</u>	<u>Thru-Shipments (in tons)</u>	<u>Area Consumption (in tons)</u>
Rennes	1,500	St. Pol de Leon (Finist)	1,200	300
Rouen (mainly beets)	200	Barfleur (Manche)	100	100
Paris	100	---	---	100
Lille	200	St. Omer (Pas de Calais)	200	---
Poitiers (topinambou)	300	---	---	300
Angers (mainly beets)	100	---	---	100
Orleans	100	---	---	100
St. Quentin	50	---	---	50
Dijon	20	---	---	20
TOTAL	2,570		1,500	1,070

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Planned Vegetable Shipments to the German Army During the Period 15-30 Apr

<u>Production Area</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> (in tons)	<u>Loading Point</u>	<u>Thru-Shipments</u> (in tons)	<u>Area Consumption</u> (in tons)
Rennes	1,660	St. Pol de Leon	1,300	300
Rouen	300	Barfleur	100	200
Paris	200	---	---	200
Orleans (mainly beets, cabbage, turnips, and topinambou)	300	---	---	300
St. Quentin (as above)	50	---	---	50
Poitiers (topinambou)	200	---	---	200
Angers	<u>200</u>	---	<u>---</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL	2,850		1,400	1,450

It was reported on 27 April 1943 that despite the super-priority rating assigned vegetable shipments, no essential change for the better has taken place. The St. Omer shipping concerns complained that no freight cars at all had been dispatched to their station. It is again emphasized that these shipments do not fall into the category of goods prohibited from being shipped under the directive of 26 March 1943.

The March and April shipment were expected to total 1,000 tons; actual shipments totalled 650 tons.

March 1943 48 freight cars with 480 tons

April 1943 19 freight cars with 170 tons

Shipments were made exclusively from St. Omer, since Lille and St. Quentin did not requisition freight cars.

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